

MAGI-BASED ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PLAN  
 (Insert Medicaid, CHIP, or Both) Medicaid & CHIP  
 State: Mississippi

Section A. Verification Procedures for Factors of Eligibility

Eligibility Factor	Self-Attestation Accepted without Additional Verification (Y/N)	Self-Attestation Accepted with Post-Eligibility Verification (Y/N)	Electronic Data Source Used (Y/N)	Reasonable Compatibility Standard Used	Specify Reasonable Compatibility Standard for Income	Ask for a Reasonable Explanation from the Individual (Y/N)	Paper Documentation Required from the Individual (Y/N)	Comments
Income*	NO	NO	YES	Both are above, at or below the applicable income standard.  Dollar Threshold	\$50	YES	YES	When the self-attested income is below the applicable standard and the electronic data source indicates income is above the applicable standard, the \$50 threshold will be applied. If the difference between the attested income and the data source does not exceed \$50, the self-attestation will be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP eligibility, as applicable. The secondary data sources will be checked when the reasonable compatibility standard is not met and when the self-attested income is above the Medicaid MAGI eligibility level, but the data source shows income below the Medicaid limit. The reasonable compatibility standard(s) will be applied to each available data source until data sources are exhausted. When there is no data source available for a type of countable income reported by an individual, ( i.e., self-employment, rental income, day labor, cash employment, etc. reported by a non-filer), paper documentation will be requested. All available electronic data sources for earned and unearned income will be checked for reasonable compatibility before contacting the individual for a reasonable explanation or requesting paper documents from the individual. See Additional Comments.

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Residency	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	Discrepancies in residency discovered in checking electronic data sources for other factors will be resolved if affects eligibility. In such cases a reasonable explanation or paper documentation will be requested, if necessary.
Age (Date of Birth)	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	Requiring paper documentation to resolve age discrepancies that affect eligibility may be necessary in rare instances.
Social Security Number **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Statute, regulations and guidance for verification of SSN will be followed. Only when statute, regulations and guidance provide for obtaining paper documentation from the individual will it be required.
Citizenship **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Statute, regulations and guidance for verification of citizenship will be followed. Only when statute, regulations and guidance provide for obtaining paper documentation from the individual will it be required.
Immigration Status **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Statute, regulations and guidance for verification of immigration status will be followed. Only when statute, regulations and guidance provide for obtaining paper documentation from the individual will it be required.
Household Composition	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	Household composition discrepancies, such as those identified through electronic data sources checked for other factors or when an applicant is already receiving benefits in another case, etc., will be resolved if affects eligibility. In such cases a reasonable explanation or paper documentation if necessary will be requested.
Pregnancy ***	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	Paper documentation will be required if available information such as claims data conflicts with the individual's self-attestation regarding pregnancy.
Caretaker Relative	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	If relationship cannot be verified by an available electronic data source or if a discrepancy exists, paper documentation will be required. Accept self-attestation of deprivation.

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Medicare	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	Requiring paper documentation to resolve discrepancies in Medicare entitlement may be necessary in rare instances.
Application for Other Benefits	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Other: (Please describe any other eligibility factors in the space below)								
IV-D Child Support Agency	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	Failure to comply with IV-D requirements will be handled post enrollment as notifications are received from the child support agency.
Title II 40 Work Quarters	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	will accept self-attestation for non-receipt of federal benefits when quarters were earned
Third Party Liability	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
<p>* States must check electronic data sources determined useful to verify income in accordance with 42 CFR 435.948 but can be done post-enrollment. If the information obtained from electronic data sources and the information provided by or on behalf of the individual are both above, at or below the applicable income standard, the State must determine the applicant eligible or ineligible for Medicaid/CHIP. (NOTE: this option is prepopulated for the state and is not an option that can be changed).</p> <p>** States must follow statute, regulations, and guidance for verification of SSN, citizenship and immigration status including obtaining such information through the federal data services hub if available.</p> <p>*** States must accept self-attestation of pregnancy unless they have information that is not reasonably compatible with such attestation.</p>								

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Section B1. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Financial:

Electronic Data Source	Determined Useful (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Accuracy Considered (Y/N)	Timeliness Considered (Y/N)	Ability to Access Considered (Y/N)	Age of Data Considered (Y/N)	Comprehensive Considered (Y/N)	Other Criteria Used (Y/N) (Please Describe in Comments section)	Data Source Used at Application (Y/N)	Data Source Used at Renewal (Y/N)	Data Source Used Post-Enrollment (Y/N)	If Data Source Used for Post-Enrollment - Frequency Used (e.g. monthly, quarterly)	Comments
1. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Used at renewal to the extent consent has been given.
2. Social Security Administration (SSA) (SSI, Title II)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
3. State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
4. State Unemployment Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
5. State Administered Supplementary Payment Program	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Not applicable to MS
6. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Not applicable to MS

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7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		We find this data source to be useful and have been in discussions with the SNAP agency. Although we are working toward implementation, we are still not certain of the timeframe and will update the verification plan when this data source is available.
8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		We find this data source to be useful and have been in discussions with the TANF agency. Although we are working toward implementation, we are still not certain of the timeframe and will update the verification plan when this data source is available.
9. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		We currently have an interface to verify child support income which will be disregarded in 2014. We do not feel this source is useful for other types of income.
10. State Income Tax	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		We think this data source is useful; however, we have not be able to fully explore it due to time constraints.

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11. Commercial database: (Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)												
Work Number - Equifax Verification	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		We plan to utilize TALX as a data source through the federal data services Hub on Day 1.
12. Other: (Please describe any additional electronic data sources in the space below)												
1. The state marked any criterion YES if it was considered as a reason the data source was determined useful/not useful.												

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Section B2. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Non-Financial:

Electronic Data Source	To Be Used (Y/N)	Social Security Number	Citizenship	Immigration Status	Residency	Age/DOB	Pregnancy	Household Composition	Caretaker Relative	Medicare	Application for other Benefits	Other	Data Source Used at Application (Y/N)	Data Source Used at Renewal (Y/N)	Data Source Used Post-Enrollment (Y/N)	If Used for Post-Enrollment Frequency Used (i.e. monthly, quarterly)	Comments
1. Social Security Administration (SSA)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO		Other: 40 qualifying quarters, death Indicator and incarceration status. Used at renewal for Medicare, 40 quarters, death, and incarceration.
2. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - SAVE	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Other: Used at renewal and post-enrollment for status changes post at renewal or during the eligibility period
3. Vital Statistics	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		EVVE
4. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		We find this data source to be useful and have been in discussions with the TANF agency. Although we are working toward implementation, we are still not certain of the timeframe and will update the verification plan when this data source is available.

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6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		We find this data source to be useful and have been in discussions with the SNAP agency. Although we are working toward implementation, we are still not certain of the timeframe and will update the verification plan when this data source is available.
7. Office of Child Support Enforcement	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Used post eligibility as the child support agency determines compliance or non-compliance with cooperation and relays that finding
8. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Not applicable to MS

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9. Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		We find this data source to be useful; however, it will not be available at implementation, due to time constraints.		
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		We think this data source is useful; however, we have not be able to fully explore it due to time constraints.		
11. Commercial database: <i>(Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)</i>																			
12. PARIS*	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Quarterly	Interstate Benefit Match	
13. Other: <i>(Please describe additional electronic data sources in the space provided below)</i>																			
* Under 42 CFR 435.945(d), all State Medicaid eligibility systems must conduct a match with PARIS for Interstate benefit information. If used for other purposes, please indicate in Section D.																			

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Section C . Additional Factors of Eligibility for Separate CHIP						
Eligibility Factor	Self- Attestation Accepted without Additional Verification	Self- Attestation Accepted with Post- Enrollment Verification	Electronic Data Source Used (Y/N) <i>If Yes, please describe in comments</i>	Paper Documentati on Required from the Individual (Y/N)	Non- Applicable (N/A)	Comments
1. Applicant does not have other coverage	YES	NO	NO	NO	Must be Applied	When other coverage is reported by other sources, such as providers, this will be resolved. In such cases a reasonable explanation or paper documentation will be requested, if necessary.
2. Applicant does not have access to affordable ESI					N/A	NA to MS CHIP
3. When child has had coverage (as applicable to states' waiting period)					N/A	
4. Access to public employee coverage					N/A	
5a. Waiting period exception #1 (describe):					N/A	
5b. Waiting period exception #2 (describe):					N/A	
5c. Waiting period exception #3 (describe):					N/A	
5d. Waiting period exception #4 (describe):					N/A	
5e. Waiting period exception #5 (describe):					N/A	
5f. Waiting period exception #6 (describe):					N/A	
5g. Waiting period exception #7 (describe):					N/A	
5h. Waiting period exception #8 (describe):					N/A	
5i. Waiting period exception #9 (describe):					N/A	
5j. Waiting period exception #10 (describe):					N/A	
6. Other eligibility factors or exceptions to eligibility factors: <i>(Please describe in the space provided below)</i>						

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Section D. Additional Verification Questions		
	Question	Response
1	If paper documentation is required when a data source is not available or the information obtained from a data source is not reasonably compatible with the information provided by or on behalf of the individual, briefly describe how the state determined that establishing and using an electronic data source was not effective, considering such factors as cost and program integrity in accordance with 42 CFR 435.952(c):	The data sources not being used at this time are those that are either not applicable to the state, are not deemed useful or are sources we intend to use, but due to time constraints, these sources will not be available immediately. The verification plan will be updated as additional data sources are utilized. The state accepts self-attestation for many factors of eligibility and only requests paper documentation if necessary when data sources are unable to resolve inconsistencies. State also uses multiple data sources as back up sources prior to requesting paper documentation from the individual.
2	Please describe how the state uses PARIS?	The state uses quarterly PARIS data matches to resolve duplicate Medicaid participation in another state and residency discrepancies.
3	Please indicate (YES) or (NO) if the State intends to request Secretarial approval to solely use alternative data sources for financial verification other than those listed in 42 CFR 435.948 (Numbers 1-8 in Section B-1).	NO

	Question	Response
	<p>If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the the state meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State,</li> <li>2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay,</li> <li>3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and</li> <li>4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.</li> </ol>	
4	<p>Please indicate (YES) or (NO) if the State intends to request Secretarial approval to use a mechanism other than the federal data services hub for information that is available through the hub.</p>	NO
	<p>If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the the state meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State,</li> <li>2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay,</li> <li>3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and</li> <li>4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.</li> </ol>	
5	<p>Describe any additional MAGI-based eligibility verification policies and procedures that have not been covered in this verification plan (optional):</p>	

Section A. Additional Comments

INCOME: Information from electronic data sources will be available at different times. At the point reasonable compatibility is established between the self-attested income and an electronic data source, Medicaid will be assessed first and if ineligible for Medicaid, CHIP will be assessed using the same data source and reasonable compatibility standard(s). The comparisons will be made as information from data sources becomes available. Income information from the federal data services Hub should be available first and serve as a primary source. A hierarchy will be applied to this primary source based on which is the most current source for the income type attested to by the applicant, i.e., TALX data will be used for the reasonable compatibility comparison for earnings, when available, and IRS data will be to test reasonable compatibility for earnings when TALX data is not available and for self-employment. Data information obtained from the State Wage Information Collection Agency would be used secondarily. Data from the primary source will be used to assess reasonable compatibility using the "at, below or above" criteria. When both the self-attested income and the data source are at or below the applicable income standard Medicaid will be approved. When both are above the applicable income standard, Medicaid will be denied. CHIP will be approved when both are at or below the applicable CHIP income standard. Otherwise, the individual will be screened for APTC/CSR through the Exchange.

When the self-attested income is below the applicable income standard and the electronic data source is above, the \$50 threshold will be applied. If the difference between the attested income and the data source does not exceed \$50, the self-attestation will be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP eligibility, as applicable. The secondary data sources will be checked when the reasonable compatibility standard is not met and when the self-attested income is above the Medicaid MAGI eligibility level, but the data source shows income below the Medicaid limit. The reasonable compatibility standard(s) will be applied to each available data source based on the stated hierarchy until data sources are exhausted.

If the electronic data sources are below the applicable Medicaid income standard with the self-attestation above the Medicaid standard, the individual will be contacted about the discrepancy and asked for a reasonable explanation before determining ineligibility for Medicaid and approving for CHIP or screening for APTC/CSR through the Exchange. If the data sources are above the applicable Medicaid and CHIP income standard and the self-attested income is below the standard, with the dollar threshold unmet, a reasonable explanation will be requested of the individual. If a reasonable explanation supports the self-attested income, the self-attestation will be used to make the determination. If efforts to contact the individual for a reasonable explanation fail or the explanation is not reasonable, documents will be requested since a discrepancy remains and no other data sources are available. In addition, in instances of a recent change in employers or new employment, where wages from the current employer attested to by the individual are not available through an electronic data source, paper documentation will be requested. When there is no data source available for a type of countable income reported by an individual, ( i.e., self-employment, rental income, day labor, cash employment, etc. reported by a non-filer), paper documentation will be requested. All available electronic data sources for earned and unearned income will be checked for reasonable compatibility before contacting the individual or requesting paper documents from the individual.

Section B1. Additional Comments

Section B2. Additional Comments

Section C. Additional Comments